

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

Address to:
Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<i>Application Number</i>	09/457,173
<i>Filing Date</i>	December 8, 1999
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	James D. Jacobson
<i>Art Unit</i>	1723
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Sun U. Kim
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	0360-0033.01 (F7-5537.DIV)

RECEIVED

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other U.S. Patent References (via Express Mail)
(not included in fax)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3 Fees

- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

a. ✓

- a. Deposit Account No. 50-1039

- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

- iii. Other _____

- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

- a. Deposit Account No. 50-1039

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

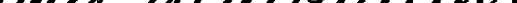
iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

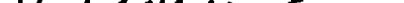
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Gary W. McFarren, Esq.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	27,357
Signature		Date	March 30, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Office on the date shown below:
Name (Print/Type) May I. Casimiro
Signature 
Date March 30, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.114. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

REC

MAR

OUTSIDE

Addressee Copy
Label 11-F June 2002**Post Office To Addressee****UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE®**

ORIGIN (POSTAL USE ONLY)		Flat Rate Envelope		Delivery Attempt		Delivery Attempt		Delivery Date	
PO ZIP Code	Date of Delivery	□ Next	□ Second	Mo. Day	Time	Mo. Day	Time	Mo. Day	Time
22313	Date In	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 Noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 PM	3	12:00	3	12:00	3	12:00
	Time In	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
	Year	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3rd Day	Int'l Alpha Country Code	COD Fee	Insurance Fee			
	Weight	lbs.	ozs.	Acceptance Clerk Initials	\$ 13.65	Total Postage & Fees	\$ 13.65		
	No Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend	<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday						
			CUSTOMER USE ONLY		METHOD OF PAYMENT:		Customer Signature		
			Express Mail Corporate Acct. No. 117						

Federal Agency Acct. No. or
Postal Service Acct. No.

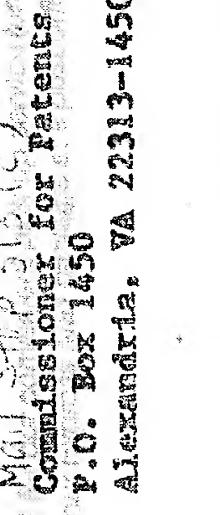
Customer Signature

TO: (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE

FROM: (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE

Waiver of signature is void if
signature is present

(CONT: 11c 0360-0033.01)

PRESS HARD. FOR PICKUP OR TRACKING CALL 1-800-222-1811 www.usps.com

You are making 3 copies.